

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF WATERTOWN  
JANUARY 19, 2010  
7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR JEFFREY E. GRAHAM PRESIDING**

**PRESENT:**           **COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS  
COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.  
COUNCIL MEMBER TERESA R. MACALUSO  
COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH  
MAYOR GRAHAM**

**ALSO PRESENT:**   **MARY M. CORRIVEAU, CITY MANAGER  
ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

The City Manager presented the following reports to the Council:

- 1 -     Rejecting the Bids for the Construction of the Bicentennial and Marble Street Parks Project
- 2 -     Approving Contract for Professional Services With Avalon Associates Inc. and Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. for a FY 2010 Small Cities CDBG Application
- 3 -     Approving Contract for Professional Services for Avalon Associates, Inc. and Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. for a FY 2010 HOME Application to NYSDHCR
- 4 -     Approving Special Use Permit Request Submitted by Cowlco Alloy & Metals, Inc. to Allow a Sweat Furnace Operation Located at 301 Pearl Street, Parcel No. 04-01-101.000
- 5 -     Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of a 4,095 sq. ft. Friendly's restaurant located at 1233 Arsenal Street, Parcel Numbers: 09-19-103.002 and 09-19-106.000
- 6 -     Approving the Zone Change Request Submitted by Vernon Johnson, to Change the Approved Zoning Classification of 1175 Water Street and 1185 Water Street, Parcels Number 04-27-501.006 and 4-27-501.005, from Light Industry to Neighborhood Business
- 7 -     Tabled – Resolution Approving Salary Structure, and Annual Pay Increase for Watertown Housing Authority Employees
- 8-     2010 CDBG Small Cities Application Public Hearings
- 9-     Breen Avenue Traffic Counts
- 10-    Sales Tax Revenue Quarterly Update – December 2009
- 11-    City Wastewater Treatment Plant, Treatment of Flowback Water
- 12-    Best Cities for Military Families
- 13-    City Manager's and City Clerk's Annual Review
- 14-    To discuss the employment history of particular individuals.
- 15-    To discuss the proposed acquisition or sale of real property where public disclosure could affect the value thereof.

**COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

Meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2010 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Council Member Burns, seconded by Council Member Butler and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one spoke.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communication was received from the City's Planning Board:

1. Recommending Council approval for the Special Use Permit submitted by Kathleen Cowles to allow a sweat furnace operation located 301 Pearl Street, Parcel No. 04-01-101.000 contingent upon certain requirements being met as outlined in the resolution.
2. Recommending Council approval for the site plan submitted on behalf of the Kessler Family LLC for the construction of a 4,095 sq. ft. Friendly's Restaurant, located at 1233 Arsenal Street, Parcel Numbers: 09-19-103.022 and 09-19-106.000
3. Recommending Council approval for the zone change request submitted by Vernon Johnson to change the approved zoning classification of the property located at 1175 Water Street, Parcel Numbers 04-27-501.006, from Light Industry District to a Neighborhood Business District contingent upon the zone change including both 1175 and 1185 Water Street.

### **ABOVE PLACED ON FILE**

From the City Manager thanking Mr. & Mrs. Harry Termin, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Coe and Col. and Mrs. Terrence Roche for their contributions toward the replacement of the damaged Menorah.

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### **R E S O L U T I O N S**

#### **INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS the City's Purchasing Department has advertised for sealed bids for the Bicentennial and Marble Street Parks Project involving the construction of riverfront improvements at Bicentennial Park at the Fairgrounds and Marble Street Park on the eastern edge of the City, and

WHEREAS plans and specifications were issued to twenty three (23) prospective bidders, with three (3) bids being received and publicly opened and read in the City Purchasing Department on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 11:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS City Purchasing Agent Robert J. Cleaver and City Planning and Community Development Coordinator Kenneth A. Mix have reviewed the bids and are recommending that they be rejected as all three are over the estimated construction budget, and

WHEREAS the City Council desires to move forward with the project by having the Department of Public Works construct the project with in house staff,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York rejects the three bids submitted on December 10, 2009 for the construction of the Bicentennial and Marble Street Parks Project.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS it is expected that grant funding will be available through the New York State Office of Community Renewal to support local community development activities that are undertaken by eligible municipalities, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown is eligible to apply for funding in the Fiscal Year 2010 competition under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, and

WHEREAS Avalon Associates, Inc. has been selected as the City's Community Development Consultant for the Small Cities Program, and

WHEREAS a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Watertown, Avalon Associates, Inc. and Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. has been drafted, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby approves the Contract for Professional Services with Avalon Associates, Inc. and Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. for a FY 2010 Small Cities CDBG Application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the City Council.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Council Member Butler asked why this couldn't be done in-house.

Mr. Mix explained that Avalon brings expertise to the grant writing. He also advised that in the last month and a half, the Planning Department has lost 2 positions. He also mentioned that

Avalon has done 36 applications for the City and 32 of them have been funded for a grand total of around \$14.25 million.

Mrs. Corriveau also advised Council that this was bid out earlier this past year and Council selected Avalon.

Council Member Burns questioned why we wouldn't have had the expertise in-house, prior to losing the two positions, since we apply every year.

Mr. Mix explained that Avalon stays up with the latest trends that the state agencies are looking for. He also advised that writing this type of grant could easily take 4-5 weeks of full time work.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS a Notice of Funding Availability for the HOME Investment Partnership Program has been issued by the New York State Housing Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS Avalon Associates, Inc. has been selected as the City of Watertown's Community Development Consultant for the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and

WHEREAS a Contract for Professional Services between the City of Watertown, Avalon Associates, Inc. and Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. has been drafted, a copy of which is attached and made part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that it hereby approves the Contract for Professional Services with Avalon Associates, Inc. and Neighbors of Watertown, Inc. for a FY 2010 HOME Investment Partnership Application to the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, Mary M. Corriveau, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the City Council.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR. AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMTIH**

WHEREAS Cowlco Alloys & Metals, Inc. has made an application for a Special Use Permit to allow a sweat furnace operation located at 301 Pearl Street, Parcel No. 04-01-101.000, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the request for a Special Use Permit at its meeting held on January 5, 2010, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the request with the following conditions:

1. The applicant must obtain a letter from the property owner authorizing the Special Use Permit application.

2. That initial and continual inspections by the EPA is required for the sweat furnace operation and the results of those inspections shall be sent to the City of Watertown Codes Bureau. If their certification is lost from the EPA, for any reason, their Special Use Permit is then revoked.
3. That the smelting and junk yard operations and the scrap storage are to be limited to within the building only,
4. That the Special Use Permit expires after a 5 year period to allow the Planning Board and City Council to reevaluate the operation.

And,

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed Special Use Permit on February 1, 2010, after due public notice, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part II and has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed Special Use Permit to allow a sweat furnace operation is an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York, that a Special Use Permit is hereby granted to Cowlco Alloys & Metals, Inc. to allow a sweat furnace operation located at 301 Pearl Street, Parcel No. 04-01-101.000 with the conditions recommended by the Planning Board as listed above.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOSEPH M. BUTLER, JR.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

WHEREAS Ken Bracker, on behalf of the Kessler Family, LLC, has made an application for site plan approval for the construction of a 4,095 sq. ft. Friendly's restaurant located at 1233 Arsenal Street, Parcel Numbers 09-19-103.002 and 09-19-106.000, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on January 5, 2010, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

1. Consideration should be given to adding trees and/or landscaping in the grass area located to the south and east of the dumpster enclosure.

2. The applicant should diversify their tree species selection by including several different species of large deciduous trees instead of one small maturing species.
3. Specify SDR-35 for the proposed sanitary lateral in lieu of SDR-21, or provide in writing, specific reasoning for exception.
4. Add a backflow preventer to the sanitary lateral. The Engineering Department can provide a detail if requested.
5. Adjust spot grade elevations to reduce the slope of the handicap parking spaces to a maximum of 2.00% (1/4" per foot) for ADA compliance.
6. Adjust spot grade elevations to reduce the slope of the handicap ramp (leading to main entrance) to a maximum of 8.33% (1" per foot) for ADA compliance.
7. Dumpster fence enclosure cannot exceed 6' height.
8. Provide a stamped and signed original Boundary and Topographic Survey map.
9. Provide a copy of all correspondence and submittals with NYS DOT for work in the right-of-way.
10. Maintain the eastern portion of 120 Haney Street.
11. Prior to obtaining a building permit, the owner should close with the City and combine the lots into one parcel.

And,

WHEREAS the applicant submitted a revised site plan to the City Engineering Department on January 13, 2010 that meets most of the conditions recommended by the Planning Board except the following:

1. Dumpster fence enclosure cannot exceed 6' height.
2. Provide a stamped and signed original Boundary and Topographic Survey map.
3. Provide a copy of all correspondence and submittals with NYS DOT for work in the right-of-way.
4. Maintain the eastern portion of 120 Haney Street.
5. Prior to obtaining a building permit, the owner should close with the City and combine the lots into one parcel.

And,

WHEREAS the County Planning Board reviewed the request on December 29, 2009 and adopted a motion that the project does not have any significant county-wide or inter-municipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part 2 and has determined that the project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant effect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed construction and site plan constitute an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Ken Bracker, on behalf of the Kessler Family, LLC, for the construction of a 4,095 sq. ft. Friendly's restaurant located at 1233 Arsenal Street, Parcel Numbers 09-19-103.002 and 09-19-106.000, as shown on the revised site plan submitted to the City Engineer on January 13, 2010 with on the remaining conditions listed above.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

Prior to the vote on the foregoing resolution, Mr. Bracker answered questions posed by Council. He explained that the building of this restaurant will not have any impact on the drainage ditch at the back, nor will it change any of the area out toward Haney Street.

Council Member Smith remarked that he is glad to see that they are developing within the City. He asked about the cleanup of the east end.

Mr. Bracker explained that the plan is to leave it as it is now and continue to maintain it at the current level. He explained that the Planning Board agreed it should be maintained and Friendly's agreed to that.

Council Member Butler referred to the Planning Board minutes and the comments made by members concerning this area.

Mr. Mix responded that during the minutes, individual's comments are put down. However, the final vote is of the entire board. He explained that there will be maintenance done, but not extensive maintenance.

Mr. Bracker advised that they hope to start construction on March 1<sup>st</sup>. It takes 100 days from the start until it is finished.

Mr. Dave VanBlarcom, Kessler Family LLC, advised that the employees will be offered positions at other Friendly's south of the City during the construction time.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE THE RESOLUTION "APPROVING SALARY STRUCTURE AND ANNUAL PAY INCREASE FOR WATERTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES". MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Mayor Graham advised that Mr. Robare, WHA Executive Director and Pat Bishop, President of the WHA board were present to answer any questions that Council might have.

Council Member Smith asked how they came up with the 3% cost of living adjustment.

Mr. Robare explained that they looked at historical data. They look at what they can afford to give back to the employees. He remarked that due diligence is done by the WHA board

members. He commented that he isn't sure what information Council needs on an annual basis. He also explained that they look at the positions in the housing industry and try to make them comparable.

Mayor Graham commented the fact is that the headline will be that Council approves a 3% raise for WHA employees.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that their payroll expenses are going down due to positions being eliminated as well as through retirements. They are now trying to compensate the remaining employees for their added job duties.

Patricia Bishop remarked that she has been on the WHA board for 4 years and the chair for 2 years. She explained that since Mr. Robare has taken over, there has been incredible improvement in the structure of WHA. There is more commitment and involvement in the community. Also, the authority is almost to 100% occupancy.

Council Member Butler thanked Mr. Robare and Mrs. Bishop. He commented that he didn't think Council should be concerned about any political flack.

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE FOREGOING  
RESOLUTION AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

**ORDINANCE**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROXANNE M. BURNS**

BE IT ORDAINED where Vernon Johnson, has made application by petition filed with the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 83 of the New York General City Law to change the approved zoning classification of Parcel Number 04-27-501.006 located at 1175 Water Street, from Light Industry to Neighborhood Business, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown considered the zone change request at its meeting held on January 5, 2010, and adopted a motion recommending that the City Council approve the request in addition to changing the approved zoning classification for parcel number 04-27-501.005 located at 1185 Water Street, and

WHEREAS the County Planning Board reviewed the request on December 29, 2009 and adopted a motion that the project does not have any significant county-wide or inter-municipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on the proposed zone change on February 1, 2010, after due public notice, and

WHEREAS the City Council has made a declaration of Negative Findings of the impacts of the proposed zone change according to the requirements of SEQRA,



NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the zoning classification shall be changed for Parcel Numbers: 04-27-501.006 and 04-27-501.005 located at 1175 Water Street and 1185 Water Street, from Light Industry to Neighborhood Business, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Zoning Map of the City of Watertown shall be amended to reflect the zone change, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Watertown shall take effect as soon as it is published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or printed as the City Manager directs.

**SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JEFFREY M. SMITH**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

**CDBG PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURNS TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE CDBG SMALL CITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. AND MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:**

**Sales Tax Update**

Mrs. Corriveau advised that the City saw a 3.3% increase compared to last year at this time and a 1.3 % increase over what we budgeted. She remarked that we are in a better position than we were 3 months ago.

Mayor Graham responded that we still have to be cautious in the months to come.

Mrs. Corriveau remarked that she had looked at other counties in the state and our numbers are better. She stated that we have been positively impacted because of the stability in our job market and the Canadian shoppers.

**State Budget**

Mrs. Corriveau advised that staff is looking at this. She explained that we are impacted this fiscal year and again next year by cuts in state aid. The City will see a 5% decrease over the next 2

years for about \$250,000. CHIPS funding has remained. She also advised that there has been a movement to allow municipalities to increase gross receipt tax from 1% to 3% on utilities.

### **EDZ**

Mayor Graham mentioned the possible ending of the EDZ program as it is now set up.

Council Member Butler, who is chair of the Watertown EDZ, commented that the proposed sweat furnace qualifies for the EDZ and would be a good fit for the community.

### **City Wastewater Treatment Plant, Treatment of Flowback Water**

Mr. Hauk advised that Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Michael J. Sligar was here to answer any questions that Council might have.

Mr. Sligar explained that the tanker hauling program at the plant is highly regulated. The developer of the well sites located near Cooperstown came to the City of Watertown in December 2008 and asked if we would participate with the disposal of the flowback water. He explained that the developer was told that we would participate in evaluating it. He also commented that it is a sensitive subject, especially in the southern states. The City received the information about the sister wells. The developer was then informed that if the water was like those, the City could deal with it. The water was brought to the surface, stored on site and extensively tested. DEC assumed full control on whether or not it would be approved.

Mr. Sligar advised that the water is not anywhere characteristic as to what has been seen in other locations. It was determined that the amount of water and things in the water could be adequately treated at the City's plant.

Mayor Graham questioned why we should do this given where it is occurring and all the sewage plants between there and here having refused it, as well as the amount of money invested, the potential risks, the controversy and the staff time.

Mr. Sligar responded that the City is currently the only plant that is approved by the DEC to accept it. The reason why the developer approached the City was because he had gone to several plants and they said no. He also responded that they asked us as we don't turn tankers away when they are in compliance.

Mayor Graham remarked that it is incumbent upon the DEC to have a global plan in dealing with this waste. He stated that he is not convinced that we want to be part of this.

Council Member Burns asked what made our plant unique.

Mr. Sligar responded that we are not unique, but we are the only one that is DEC approved.

Council Member Burns remarked that there has to be a reason why no other communities wanted it. She remarked that there is concern among our constituency.

Mayor Graham commented that it is obvious that they are looking for a long term disposal point.

Mr. Sligar explained that they have a permit for five wells. To accept any more water would require a process and DEC approval again. He explained that the things in the water are not the issue. The issue is how much is in the water. He also advised that this issue is totally controlled since we can control how much water we take. He commented that it is pure speculation, but the other plants probably don't want to take it because there is an awful lot of work involved. He stated that this is not exposing us to a risk.

Council Member Butler asked Mr. Sligar to walk Council through the analysis that is being done.

Mr. Sligar explained that the analysis is a confirming one for the sake of having data rather than opinions.

Council Member Macaluso asked how long these deliveries would be going on.

Mr. Sligar advised that they are done and to accept any more would require the process be done again. However, due to what has already been done, the process would be streamlined. The amount of testing and proving out would still be the same. Then it would go back for DEC approval.

Council Member Butler asked what they were doing in Pennsylvania for this.

Mr. Sligar responded that they pump it back into the ground or it goes to waste water plants. However, it is a capacity issue for some plants in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Corriveau asked Mr. Sligar about how they would treat other tankers coming to the plant.

Mr. Sligar explained that they certify what is coming into the plant. What made the flowback water process unique was that the DEC became the certifying authority.

Mayor Graham asked if transporting of the material posed any danger if there was an accident.

Mr. Sligar explained that it was no different than septic waste or industrial waste. The plant accepts between 8 and 20 tank loads of those things every day. There is nothing unique about this water and is not nearly as toxic as some from septic tanks. He explained that chlorides were found in the water, but not in the order of what we have been reading about in the paper. He mentioned that two tankers were sent back because they came in differently. However, they were allowed back two weeks later.

Mayor Graham remarked that the economics of this makes no sense. He commented that this is an issue that the impacted counties should be dealing with. He stated that it is incumbent upon the state and localities that are benefiting from this to deal with the wastewater. He said that something is missing from the whole equation, statewide.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that this may be the first step in the process.

Mayor Graham asked how much the City has spent on this.

Mr. Sligar explained that the City doesn't pay, the developer does. The labs are certified and testing is paid for by the developer.

Council Member Smith asked about the byproducts found when testing the water.

Mr. Sligar explained that the lab extracted from the water and inoculated our own bugs with the various concentrations and they didn't find that the bugs were even knowledgeable of it.

Council Member Smith asked how Mr. Sligar is assuring that what happened in Pennsylvania doesn't occur here.

Mr. Sligar explained that it is incumbent upon the City stop when the threshold is being approached.

Council Member Smith commented that as long as we are testing and treating, it is safe. He stated that he thinks we should take this water and we should look at the rate structure. He stated that if we can treat the water safely and effectively, we should take it. He did express his concern about setting up the structure and guidelines for the future.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that we have controls in place after the work we have done with the EPA.

Council Member Butler remarked that the compensation for this should be commensurate with the resources and manpower used. He also remarked that it sounds like we can handle it.

Mr. Sligar advised that there is very clear guidance for what we should charge for the outside user program.

Council Member Burns commented that she agrees with Mayor Graham in that the economics don't make sense.

Mr. Sligar responded that he is comfortable that we did the right thing for the state.

Council thanked Mr. Sligar for answering all of their questions.

### **600 block of Gotham Street**

Council Member Macaluso asked about the parking on both side of the street in this area. She stated that she has received complaints about it.

### **Breen Avenue**

Mrs. Corriveau referred to the report on this and asked what Council's wishes were pertaining to it.

Mayor Graham remarked that \$2.1 million is a big pill to swallow and he would like to see the downtown finished first.

Council Member Smith remarked that he is in favor of doing Breen Avenue. Public Square and JB Wise are planned to start until the next fiscal year.

Council Member Burns remarked that she had made her position clear on Breen Avenue. The property owners downtown are looking forward to the connecting roads to JB Wise. However, she is not so sure about doing the covered walkways.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that certain items within the grant have to be performed. Unfortunately, the covered walkway is part of that. The state has said that they would give us an extension.

Council Member Butler remarked that it is a tough time to spend that much money on a road that doesn't have much traffic. He commented that the work on Gaffney Drive would increase the tax base and create jobs.

Council Member Macaluso responded that we have to look at these individually and as a whole. We need to hold off on everything.

It was agreed that a final decision would not be made until the meeting of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Parks Project**

Council Member Butler asked how much the Marble Street project has changed from when it was pulled out of the 2008-09 budget and will now be done in-house.

Mrs. Corriveau responded that it may have been pushed forward, but not pulled. The extra trails were taken out as well as the parking area.

### **Metal Tables for Deck**

Mayor Graham asked if it was the Council intention to purchase the metal tables for the Newell Street deck. He remarked that the owner had made a statement that he didn't like them.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the statement was made by Mr. Sweitzer that he wanted to buy different tables.

Attorney Slye remarked that he could do so and then he would have to gift them to the City.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that she had nothing in writing from him.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY OF PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS AND TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY WHERE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COULD AFFECT THE VALUE THEREOF AND THAT CITY ENGINEER KURT HAUKE BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND.**

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 10:10 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER BUTLER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.**

*Donna M. Dutton*  
City Clerk